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SUBJECT: PAK VIEWS ON DIEGO GARCIA AND INDIAN OCEAN PEACE ZONE.

1. SHAHNAWAZ, NEW ADDITIONAL SECRETARY IN FOREIGN OFFICE REPLACING ALTAF SHAIKH, ASKED THAT I COME SEE HIM YESTERDAY AFTERNOON. WHEN WE GOT DOWN TO BUSINESS HE REFERRED TO THE FEBRUARY 1 AIDE MEMOIRE THAT WE HAD PRESENTED TO THE FOREIGN OFFICE ON THE SUBJECT OF DIEGO GARCIA (ISLAMABAD 1268). HE TOOK NOTE OF CRITICISM BEING VOICED BY SEVERAL OF THE LITTORAL STATES, PARTICULARLY INDIA AND SRI LANKA, OVER THIS MOVE OF OURS IN THE INDIAN OCEAN.

2. HE SAID THAT THE FOREIGN OFFICE HAD BEEN UNABLE, DUE TO ITS INVOLVEMENT IN THE LAHORE SUMMIT, ETC.,
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TO GIVE THIS MATTER THE ATTENTION IT DESERVED UNTIL

RECENTLY. THEY HAD THEN SUBMITTED THE MATTER PERSONALLY TO PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO. HE SAID THE PRIME MINISTER HAD MADE HIS DECISION, WHICH IT WAS HIS DUTY TO RELAY TO ME. THIS DECISION WAS THAT PAKISTAN WOULD VOICE NO OBJECTION, EITHER PRIVATELY OR PUBLICLY, TO THIS PROPOSED MOVE ON THE PART OF THE UNITED STATES. HE SAID IT WAS NOT THEIR PRESENT INTENTION TO SUPPORT OUR MOVE PUBLICLY, BUT THAT WE COULD KNOW PRIVATELY THAT THEY UNDERSTOOD OUR MOTIVES COMPLETELY. HE WENT ON TO POINT OUT THAT PAKISTAN HAD MILDLY SUPPORTED A PREVIOUS PROPOSAL BY SRI LANKA THAT THE INDIAN OCEAN SHOULD BE DECLARED A ZONE OF PEACE. HE SAID THE PRIME MINISTER HAD TAKEN THIS INTO ACCOUNT, AND CONSIDERED THE SUPPORT HE WAS GIVING US ON THIS OCCASION AMENDED, TO THIS EXTENT AT LEAST, THEIR PREVIOUS SUPPORT FOR THE SRI LANKA PROPOSAL.

3. I TOLD SHAHNAWAZ THAT I GREATLY APPRECIATED THE INFORMATION HE HAD REPLAYED TO ME, WHICH WOULD BE REPORTED PROMPTLY. IN OUR GENERAL DISCUSSION, I LEFT WITH HIM A PAPER ON SOVIET NAVAL ACTIVITY IN THE INDIAN OCEAN WHICH WAS COPIED VERBATIM FROM THE UNCLASSIFIED TEXT OF JCS MESSAGE P072206Z MARCH 1974.
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